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Case No. 9793/95

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Elsenhans *et al.*

Serial No: 10/018,080

Filed: December 10, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR EXAMINING FLUIDS OF
BIOLOGICAL ORIGIN

Examiner: Nguyen, Sang
Group Art Unit: 2877

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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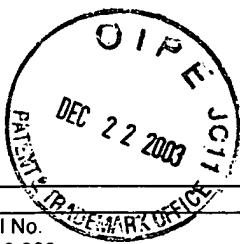
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Application No. 10/018,080
Amendment of December 17, 2003
Reply to Office Action of July 17, 2003

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9793/95
Serial No. 10/018,080	Filing Date December 10, 2001	Examiner Sang H. Nguyen	Group Art Unit 2877
Inventor(s) Oliver Elsenhans, et al.			
Title of Invention Method And Apparatus For Examining Fluids Of Biological Origin			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Amendment and Response, Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), \$420.00 Check, Postcard Receipt.

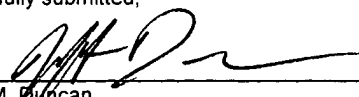
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Petition for a 2 month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
Total		Minus		
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim				

Small Entity		or	Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9=			x \$18=	
x 43=			x \$86=	
+\$145=			+\$290=	
Total add'l fee	\$		Total add'l fee	\$

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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